

Peter: Fisherman to Follower

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Reading: John 1:19-51

John 1:40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

Where would the church be without Andrew? He was always overshadowed by his more famous brother Simon Peter. In fact, when we first meet him in John 1, he is called "Simon Peter's brother" - - and Simon Peter has not even been introduced yet!

Andrew had been a disciple of John the Baptist until John pointed to Jesus as "the Lamb of God." Andrew had spent that entire day with Jesus and was convinced that He was the promised Messiah. His first thought was to tell his brother Simon and bring him to Jesus. This is what I would call Simon Peter's salvation or conversion experience.

It was Jesus Himself who gave Simon his nickname Cephas (Aramaic) or Peter (Greek). Both mean "rock." Though Simon Peter was not the rock he would become, Jesus saw in him a man who would become a solid foundation for the church Jesus would build. And he met Christ because of his little-known brother Andrew.

LESSON ONE: Every time we see Andrew he is bringing someone to Jesus. Here it is his brother. In John 6, he brings a little boy to Jesus who has a lunch that the Lord would use to feed over 5000 people. In John 12, he is bringing a group of Greeks to Jesus. Are there people in your life that you want to bring to Jesus? What is holding you back?

LESSON TWO: Peter would become the leader of the Twelve and would preach the sermon on the Day of Pentecost that would give birth to the Church. Though not as well known, it was Andrew's witness that brought his brother to the Lord. Do you ever feel your witness for the Lord is not worth much? Only the Lord knows if the person you witnessed to will be the next Billy Graham or Simon Peter? Our call is to spread the gospel and leave the results up to God!

LESSON THREE: When Jesus met Simon Peter, He did not see him as he was, but as what the Lord could make him to be! Though he would stumble and fall many times, Peter would become a rock that Jesus would use to guide and grow His church. Jesus looks beyond who we think we are or what we can do! He sees what we can become and what He can do through us if we trust Him. He has given every believer spiritual gifts that need to be used to serve Him. Do you know what your God-given gift is? Are you using it to glorify Him?